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Sir:

This is in response to the Official action of October 4, 2002.

Please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Cancel claims 9-14.

Add the following new claims 15 and 16:

15(new). A papermaking machine according to claim 3, comprising a nip, said nip being composed of a first element located in opposed relationship to said surface of the belt, and a second element in opposed relationship to said first element, the belt being movable between said elements, and said elements being sufficiently close to each other to apply pressure to a paper sheet on said belt.

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